

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An Ink jet printhead comprising  
5 a channel plate having a plurality of ink channels etched into at least one surface thereof,

actuators respectively associated with each of the ink channels for pressurizing  
ink contained in the ink channels, and

10 means defining an ink reservoir communicating with the ink channels, wherein  
said ink reservoir is defined by a base member made of a material different from that of  
the channel plate.

2. The Ink jet printhead according to claim 1, wherein the channel plate is held in  
butting engagement with a surface of the base member in which an ink supply passage  
15 is formed for establishing fluid communication between the ink reservoir and the ink  
channels.

3. The Ink jet printhead according to claim 1, wherein the channel plate is fixed to  
the base member by means of an adhesive.

20 4. The Ink jet printhead according to claim 1, wherein the base member is made  
of graphite.

5. The Ink jet printhead according to claim 1, wherein the channel plate is made  
25 of silicon.

6. The Ink jet printhead according to claim 1, wherein a portion of the base  
member forms a support plate sandwiched between two separate channel plates.

30 7. A method of manufacturing an ink jet printhead having a channel plate  
provided on at least one surface with a plurality of ink channels, a flexible sheet for  
covering the open sides of the ink channels, and an actuator block forming a plurality of  
actuators, which comprises assembling the channel plate, the flexible sheet and the  
actuator block together to form a unit which is then fitted to a base member.